

Money, in Politics.

(New York World.)

The story of treachery, falsehood, cant, hypocrisy and ingratitude exposed by ex-Senator Dorsey—himself a frank, fearless, plucky man—is revolting enough. But how Garfield and Foster cheated John Sherman, who himself cheats everybody he deals with; how the stalwarts were deceived; how ex-Postmaster-General James played double, and how Garfield's brief career as president was foul with unclean intrigues, are matters of concern only to the politicians.

What interests the public is the evidence supplied by the ex-secretary of the Republican National Committee of the use of money as a corrupting power in the election of a president of the United States, in the formation of a cabinet and in appointments to the supreme court bench.

Mr. Dorsey reiterates what he has before asserted, that \$400,000 was spent to purchase the vote of Indiana in 1880; that "a big campaign fund" was the instrumentality by which New York was secured by the Republicans; that the position of secretary of the treasury was sold in advance to Levi P. Morton, chairman of the campaign finance committee and personally a heavy subscriber, although he was afterwards put off with a French mission; and that \$100,000 was contributed by "two of the greatest monopolists in New York, Jay Gould and C. P. Huntington," in consideration of a pledge that "Stanley Matthews should go at the earliest opportunity on the supreme court bench."

What a record does this make up for the Republican party! A president elected by the power of money. Cabinet officers sold in advance to a millionaire banker, who subscribed to and raised the corruption fund. A seat on the bench of the supreme court of the United States bartered away to monopolists vitally interested in suits before the court, for \$100,000.

The use of money as a purchasing power in elections is the great danger now threatening republican government. A Republican government means the sovereignty of the popular will. An election controlled by money is not an election by the people.

It puts in power men who represent the monopolists and corruptionists who have elected them by unlawful and abhorrent methods. Garfield was president, and his closest friend tells how he was made president by the corrupt use of money. Chester A. Arthur is president, and everybody knows that he managed every detail of the New York campaign in 1880. He persuaded Morton to give money towards the election and to become chairman of the finance committee which raised the great corruption fund. Arthur controlled the expenditure of the money in this state. He directed the course of the "golden stream from Stevenson's bank." He was the head of the New York machine—the chum of the ward strikers throughout the city. He enjoyed as vice-president, he enjoys now as president, the fruits of the fund raised by the sale of cabinet offices and supreme court judgeships.

Stanley Matthews sits on the supreme court bench. He owes his high office to money. In the senate of the United States are men who owe their positions to purchase. Their millions and not merit made them senators.

Was Woodruff Miller elected by honest means as the choice of the people of New York? Let the trial of the indicted "Lo" Sessions, if it ever comes off, furnish the reply. Palmer, Sablin, Fair, Tabor, Bowen, Hill—were they chosen for their ability, their representative character, their experience in legislation, or are they senators of the United States because they purchased the offices with their suddenly acquired money?

This terrible evil of the purchasing power of money in elections is felt to-day in all offices and, unfortunately, in all parties. The question, How much assent can a man afford to pay? is now the important one in elections. No one is thought of for office, in most cases, unless he is rich enough to stand the enormous expense of a campaign, and, unfortunately, many do not resist the temptation of doing all they can to reimburse themselves after they get into power.

Ex-Senator Dorsey's disclosures may be prompted by revenge or by indignation at the ingratitude of those he has served. But he is entitled to credit for having by his plain speaking pointed out the evil and opened the eyes of the people to the methods of the party which has so long held on to power.

Tilden and Hancock.

The New York Sun prints an interview with Ex-Senator Barnum, of Connecticut. Barnum, as is known, is the chairman of the national Democratic campaign committee. Asked if Tilden in any way failed to support General Hancock as a presidential candidate, Barnum said: "I personally know facts which show that Mr. Tilden could have no motive for unfriendliness toward General Hancock. It was known to me for a long time that Mr. Tilden would probably refuse to be a candidate. Before the convention had assembled I had positive knowledge that he would not be. His name goes before the convention, but was fully resolved to consider his public career as terminated. I have always believed that except for his own withdrawal he would have been nominated. I was so fully satisfied that Tilden would not allow himself to be nominated that I and his other friends dismissed that subject from our minds, and turned our attention toward other persons. Not only was Mr. Tilden free from any disappointment in not being nominated, but he was consulted beforehand in respect to General Hancock's nomination, I telegraphed to him on the subject, and he answered that the choice of General Hancock would be agreeable to him. When the nomination was made I telegraphed the fact to Tilden, and he answered congratulating me upon the result. Mr. Tilden came down from the country to preside at the great Hancock meeting in New York in order to give the full weight of his influence to the starting of General Hancock's campaign. He was frequently resorted to by the National Committee and by the State Committee, and on all occasions cordially co-operated with them. Mr. Tilden gave the National Committee his check for \$25,000. That check was made to the order of the then acting

treasurer of the committee, Hon. Wm. L. Scott, and was paid by him over to the treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Canda. Mr. Tilden stands credited with that sum on the treasurer's books. Tilden rendered most important and valuable assistance to the national committee during the whole campaign. No man was more earnest or more willing. At times his help was very necessary, and we always had it."

"Have you seen the statement that Mr. Tilden had collected information about the star route frauds prior to the assembling of the convention and afterwards suppressed the information?"

"I do not believe there is one word of truth in the story. I do not believe that Mr. Tilden had collected any information on that subject or had any knowledge about the star route frauds which was not known to the public."

ROBINSON CRUSOE'S ISLAND.

How It Looks Now, and What It Is Used for by Its Lessee.

(Correspondence Rochester Democrat.)

The sun was bathing the beautiful island with a flood of golden light as we neared its picturesque harbor. In little boats we went ashore, and landed in the primitive manner of running the boat aground and pulling it up on the shore. It is difficult to realize that we were indeed on this historical, mysterious island that imagination had pictured from childhood's early hours in so many fanciful forms. The books tell you that it was on this lovely island that, in 1704, the celebrated English navigator, Dampier, landed his coxswain, Alexander Selkirk, with whom he had quarreled and left him alone on this uninhabited spot with a small quantity of provisions and tools. There he lived four years till he was picked up by a passing ship and brought back to Europe. It was from notes he made during his solitary residence that Daniel Defoe composed his incomparable work of "Robinson Crusoe." Probably no book ever held the childish interest with greater fascination than that which describes his wanderings on that mysterious and enchanted island. That which has always seemed as a dreamy romance was now before you. The scenes where all the wild and wondrous experiences were described are just at hand, and you wonder on, as it were, but just aroused from a fanciful dream. Perchance it was on this sandy beach along which you wander that Crusoe first discovered the footprints of his good man Friday.

The island is about seven Spanish leagues in circumference, or a trifle over twenty English miles. It belongs to Chili, and for a number of years the government used it as a place for transporting convicts, till one night all the prisoners rose in their power, killed their keepers, and taking the only boats on the island sailed away and never were heard of more. Of late years the government has leased the island to one man, who pays something like \$2,000 a year for its use. This man has a small colony of workmen, whom he employs in cutting timber, drying fish and goat skins and sending them every few months in large quantities to the markets at Valparaiso. There are to be found in the waters about the island lobsters of a peculiar kind and enormous size. Some of these measure from two to four feet in length. Every variety of fish in the greatest abundance seem to swarm about this lone island. It is a great resort for whalers, who put in here for a few days to supply themselves with fresh water and fish, poultry and game, which they obtain at marvelous low prices from the sovereign ruler of the island. Many years ago, two lone, horn goats were brought to the island, and their families and children have increased so rapidly that to-day thousands and tens of thousands are to be found in every part of this island. Large numbers of them are shot every year, and their dried skins sold in Valparaiso are a source of large income to the lessee of the land.

A TRIO OF TRIPLETS.

A Woman Who Bore Nine Children in Three Births.

(Philadelphia Record.)

A number of charitable ladies from Philadelphia and New York, spending the summer months at Island Heights, a lovely summer resort on Tom's river, N. J., are actively engaged in raising donations of money and clothing for a Mrs. Johnson, residing in a small cottage at that place, who has just given birth to the third set of triplets. The latest arrivals are three chubby, crowing children, the very pictures of health, and all girls. The only way that they are distinguished from each other is by their clothing, which some of the ladies had mischievously marked "Faith," "Hope," and "Charity." The parents are both large and well-formed persons, and Mr. Johnson is employed as a laborer on a neighboring farm. The six other children of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are all stout and healthy, and are all under eight years of age.

The cottagers and boarders in the neighborhood have given parlor entertainments, taken up collections and have resorted to various other means of relieving the family, who are poor in circumstances. A large purse has already been raised.

Gen. Ord's Ancestry.

(San Antonio Times.)

A great many papers, some of them in Texas, have dilated on the noble lineage of the late Gen. Ord, as being of direct descent from George IV., of England. The following letter written Mr. H. C. Browning, author of "Pedigrees of Americans of Royal Descent," we copy from the Philadelphia Times:

SAN ANTONIO, July 23, 1877.

To Mr. Charles H. Browning: Dear Sir—Your note and accompanying slip duly received. They had in some shape met my eyes before, and were considered worth only a smile. My ancestors, as far as I can learn by studying the family tree, were good, plain folk, without a taint of royal blood. So please leave them out of your forthcoming work and oblige one of their descendants.

EDWARD O. C. ORD. That settles the matter. Gen. Ord seemed to be thankful that his family was "without a taint of royal blood," and the word "taint" has both mental and moral significance when applied to the families of the Georges.

FOREIGN.

PANAMA.

CENTRAL AMERICAN ITEMS.

Panama, August 18.—The Star says the government of Bolivia calls the militia into active service and increases the contribution. At Quito are heard cries of "Death to liberals and heretics," "Viva God and religion."

Three thousand five hundred tons of machinery and material have arrived at Colon for the canal. It is expected twenty-five hundred more will arrive shortly.

Panama is quiet.

PERU.

A POSSIBLE RECOGNITION.

Lima, August 18.—It is reported from Valparaiso that a telegram has been received from the Chilean minister at Washington to the effect that the United States government would recognize the Iglesias government as soon as he holds Lima.

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